IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant: Takayuki TSUKIZAWA et al.

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Title: CERAMIC SUBSTRATE AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF RESPONSIVE REPLY

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Responsive Reply issued on January 14, 2009, Applicant elects Species I-A: including claims 16-22 for prosecution in the present application. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 16 is generic. This election is made without traverse.

Applicant hereby reserves the right to file a Divisional Application to pursue prosecution of the non-elected Species.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.